17 Defense Witnesses Named In Haggerty 'Stag Party' Case

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A total of 17 defense witnesses have been subpoenaed in the Judge Edward A. Haggerty Jr. case, in which the judge is charged with obscenity, soliciting for prostitution and resisting arrest.

Trial is set for 10 a.m. Monday in the criminal district courtroom of Judge Matthew S. Braniff.

The charges against Judge Haggerty resulted from a police vice squad raid Dec. 17 in which Judge Haggerty and 13 others were apprehended in a room at the De Ville Motel, 3800 Tulane Ave.

It was alleged obscene films and a live "stag show" were the purpose of the gathering. Participants contend the affair was a "bachelor party" for one of the men who was to be married soon.

Called by defense attorney Robert J. Zibilich were: Henry J. Smith, 2341 N. Galvez; Michael J. Stuebben, 4231 Palmyra; Michael A. Carso, 4422 Senator Tobey, Metairie; Samuel L. Blanchard, Waveland, Miss.

Malcolm G. Mundy Jr., 2735 Tulane; Albert N. Miller, 7915 Cohn; Alcest R. Ory, 1125 Phosphor Ave., Metairie; George W. Costello, 2916 Haring Road, Metairie; Kenneth A. Reeves, 3009 20th, Apt., B., Metairie; Victor M. Soto, 926 E. William David Parkway, Metairie; Max A. Williams, 1931 Farmington Place, Gretna; Steve Mariano, care of Rowntowner Motel, 3900 Tulane; Peter Schuster, care of Orleans Parish Coroner's Office, 2700 Tulane; Judge Alvin V. Oser, Section I, Criminal District Court, 2700 Tulane; Judge Oliver P. Schulingkamp, Section F, Criminal District Court, 2700 Tulane; Henry Montagnet, 3535 Gentilly Blvd., and Joseph G. Zarza Jr., Apt. 105, 3800 Tulane.

Of the witnesses to be called, the following were arrested with Haggerty: Smith; Zarza; Soto, the judge's minute clerk, Stubben; Mundy, an attorney; Miller; Ory; Carso; Williams; Blanchard, Reeves and Costello.

Judge Oser and Judge Schulingkamp were called because they issued arrest warrants in the case.